How Congress Tries to Dodge Great Heat of Summer in Washington

Water and Air Are Iced in Both Houses and There Are Marble Baths and Divers Fans.

OW to Keep Cool" is not the title of a bill before either the House or the Senate these sizzling days, but it might well be, judging from the attention paid the subject by homesick Representatives of the people assembled under the big white dome. Figuratively, Congress is whacking out certain and sundry pieces of legislation with one hand and wiping its perspiring brow with the other, and swearing softly and sweetly under its breath at the unkind fate that keeps it lashed to the mast when it might be at play where the cool winds blow and the waters sound their summer symphony. But that isn't the worst of it, for it seems ordained that it shall pass through all the torrid horrors of the month of July in Washington, the which has been likened more than once to the place where the mercury ceases to register.

So Congress has gone assiduously about the business of keeping cool, and not by the old-fashioned gin rickey or mint julep route, either. If a member wishes to laugh at the thermometer in that fashion he must keep the laugh producer in his own committee room, for he cannot get it in the Capitel nor within many squares of it. Other Congresses may have done so, but not this one. It has more scientific and, it believes, more efficacious methods.

MANY COOLING DEVICES.

By the desk of each Representative and Senator, for instance, and in other parts of the chambers are small vents through which cold air is forced by huge electric fans in the basement. At the same time, the hot air is drawn up and expelled through the ceilings. In all nearly eight acres of building are cooled in this fashion Always the temperature within is from 5 to 8 degrees cooler than on the outside.

Ice water and lemonade are the popular beverages, the Senate alone using some 4.500 pounds of ice a day, while the total daily consumption in the entire Capitol and both office buildings is said to be more than four tons. The Senate expends the brands of mineral waters, but the House other special rooms for the holding of frowns on such extravagance and wets its meetings. In each of these at least one owns on such extravagance and with water from the broad and sometimes three electric fans buzz all COLD LEMONADE FOR HOT CON-Down in the basement of the office build- breezes. In the cloakroom there are as

ings of both houses of Congress are baths, many as can be conveniently placed for where Swedish, Turkish or just plain Amer- action. The Speaker's lobby has its quota, pered ones "over the way," it is said as a ican sesp-and-water baths can be had at and every committee room of the Capitol body to look with much favor upon the ur. They are built entirely of mar- building, the restaurants and some of the fruits of this extravagance. ble-and not bathroom marble, either, but hallways are similarly equipped. In the Thirty thousand dollars a year is the esthe exquisitely veined sort that millionaires Senate office building each Senator has two timated sum spent by the Senate for minand mantels. Frequently on a particularly enormous. humid day one Representative and Senator them is not given out for publication. eir vents, and indulge in a quick plunge. but curtailment had to be made comewhere, last feature of a Turkish "treatment" had

ways, lighted by electricity and paved with asphalt. In the Senate one is a specially constructed automobile, on which it is quite the fashion to take a "joy ride" and get

tall. At that beight the air is quite purthrough them at the rate of 750 feet a tion to thirsty Representatives. minute. The huge fan receiving this air is He stirs up his lemon juice, sugar, 12 feet in diameter and revolves 108 times cracked ice and water after a recipe all he floor of the House through gratings in even suggestive of having been diluted. feet of such openings are found on this then a member's hand has an instinctive

leries, and one can easily detect the rush of cold air by placing his arms down b tween the seats. The warm air is expelled through the colling at the same rate as it enters, thus avoiding drafts at the doors. The thermometer proves that at all times the temperature is from 5 to 8 degrees less then outdoors in the shade.

Hanging in the fanroom is an electrica tester which can be read in the chief engineer's room by pressing a button. A hygremeter registers the humidity of the air, and is also closely watched by those who have this feature of keeping Congress coal as their daily duty.

Another fan draws from this same duct and applies air to the corridors and committee rooms of the Capitol, the air pass chimneys, so that one room may be kept cooler than emother if desired. manner eight acres of floor surface are

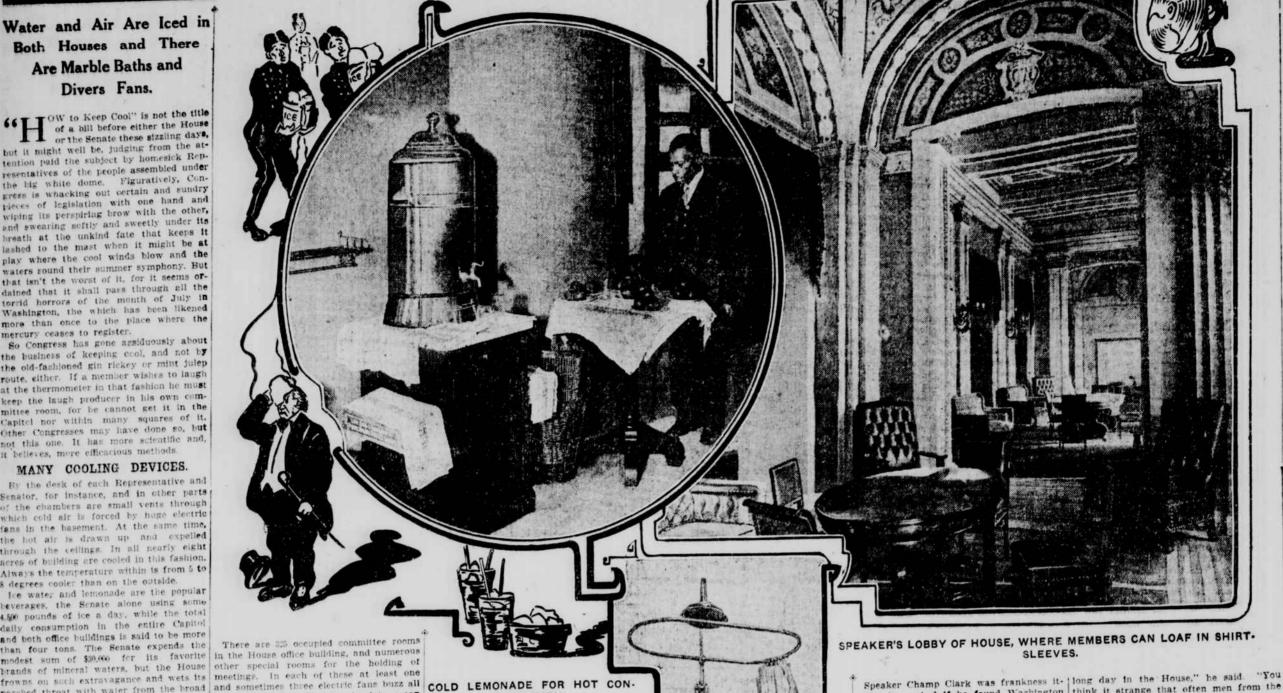
SENATORS ARE BETTER OFF.

Precisely the same method of reducing the difference that the air is drawn from a grotto nearby in the Capitol grounds. The suction fans are similar and the air is likewise distributed through the subway and various rooms. But, for some unaccountable reason, both the Senate chamber this and the Senators do not deny it.

marble room of the Senate. Some of the pany" lemonade. officials of the sergeant-at-arms' office,

down brine water and allowing this to circulate through the steam heat coils, just past traditions. as the heat goes through in winter. Moisture in the air collects on these coils and turns to frost. This cools the air, which is then sent through the building. At the same time that the brine chills the air in

respective restaurants and office buildings. Since the completion of the two office buildings the task of keeping Congress in through the heated term has become an penetrates. ambitious project. Indeed, the expendi-I When even this palls upon him, he gath- The Northern city man holds tenaciously tures for this purpose have aroused such ardent natured contemporaries are swelterstatistics for these same luxuries. So on triate money for mineral waters and has True to his partiality for destroying of all those questioned admitted this point generalities only are possible. And all the partiality for destroying of all those questioned admitted precedents, "Uncle Joe" Cannon has elect- mer here was a thing to dread.

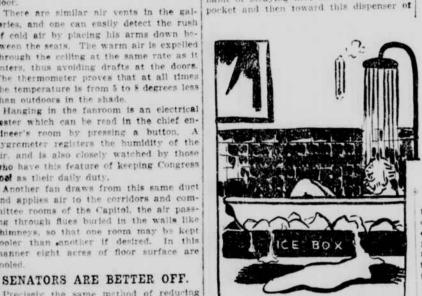


day long in an effort to simulate ocean GRESSMEN.

after another will slip away from the at-mosphere which remains close, despite the in the office of each employe and in the splits of apollinaris in the cloakrooms a cloakrooms of both House and Senate there The lack of a pool is deplored by many, are water coolers always filled with clear, in the restaurant and committee rooms, cold water. For the ice used in these receptacles and in the House restaurant building. Besides, when a Senator expressthe daily purchase, according to one of the employes, averages four tons in hot tled in his state it is furnished him. Or. their respective office buildings are subsity is purchased at a wholesale rate of perhaps he believes that some special brand \$5.20 a ton, the entire amount totals only slightly more than \$23 a day.

Southwest of the Capitol building and asked for an appropriation for such waters, in the basement of the Senate a staff of just outside the grounds there is a picturesque granite tower about thirty feet south side of the Capitol or in the House sending it up to the cloakroom. It cost being too high to contain the floating germs River water is served. An effort was made of the street and too low to be affected to obtain special coolers, but it suffered by the smoke blowing from chimneys the same fate as the bottled water motion. There is nothing else left to drink underground tube or tunnel that runs to lemonade. In the cloakroom of the House the sub-basement under the House side of for more than twenty years a negro. the Capitol. The indirect radiation ducts known by his last name, Coates, to every are 75 feet in area and the air blows member, has dispensed this picule concoc-

a minute, holding \$6,000 cubic feet of air in his own. Epicures on lemonade declare it such interval. This air is forced into just right, never too sweet nor too acid nor The old man dispenses his cooling drinks or is elevated, through bronze regis- gratis. Nothing is allowed to be sold in ters. Seven hundred and eighty-five square the cloakroom. But about every now and habit of straying first to his loose-change



lemonade, apples, bananas and whatever fruit is easily eaten and in season.

Not long ago, during an especially arduto the Union-a day when the chamber and adjoining cloakrooms always seem fairly sizzled with heat waves-more than to the Senate office building. It carries holding aloft a fat banana or wiping his ice cold air of the subterranean way. Nowhere on the Representatives' side is mouth with all the mysterious delight of

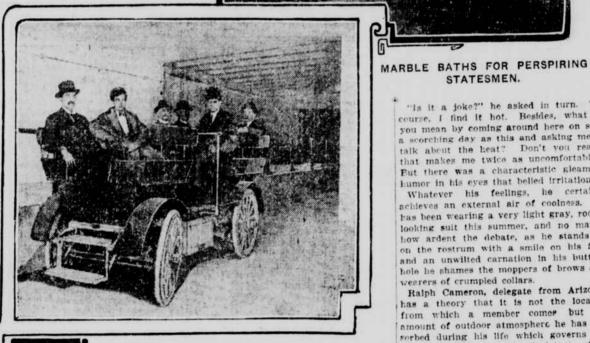
The Speaker's lobby, back of the hall, is however, deciare the statement is merely often utilized as a fitting place in which back. an excuse members have for coming over to finish such an al fresco repast. Andthere and drinking the Senatorial lemonade. tell it not in Gath-no one has been bold But in another year, the chances are, the enough to deny that on very hot days wearers of the toga will be returning these many Congressmen have ventured to recalls, for the House is to have an uitra- move their coats and loll about in the easy modern plant for keeping itself individ- chairs of this room after the fashion of cally and collectively cool. Lest winter an the magazine shirtwaist man. Rumor has appropriation of \$2,000 was made for this it that only those fitted with attached cuffs and the newest ideas in soft collars According to Elliott Woods, who has the and smart belts venture on such radicalplant in charge, it will be constructed in 1sm. But there are a great number of accordance with the method of cooling modern young men in this "session exwho dare tread softly over traordinary

When a member has exhausted the pleasures of cloakroom lemonade, writhed at his that before another summer session they eesk and grown weary of the view from will have their own automobile service. the lobby-a very cool one, with many trees and a distant gleam of the river—he hies himself down into the subway and runs ways and means to avoid the heat a great the pipes enough ice will be manufactured that the subvey and forth a few times between the long babit and a compiler of the land and forth a few times between the long babit and a compiler of the l Capitol and his office. This is a veritable dungeon of coolness, but an electric lighted are the Southern members are conspicuously and a compliance to hot-weather laws the Southern members are conspicuously are the constitution of the constituti dungeon of coolness, but an electric lighted as phalted one into which not the slightest uous by the thinness of their clothing. They nonchalantly don tan linens and suggestion of the heat at ground level ever

ers together all the other members he can to his trig-fitting clothes and the Westblooded members and Senators-who can "privilege of the floor" of the Senate and any more fatal here than at home, because become rather wary about giving House preened itself on refusing to appro- and shoes.

use in constructing their interior stairways rooms—so the total of fans used there is eral waters and apollinaris. During the But what it costs to run all of preceding session such a flurry was made over this item that the water supply has es a special wish for a certain water bot-The day of the lemonade jamboree is on

are purchased out of a House fund. Some the wane. Formerly in the summer time while back, when the summer season loomed lemons were ordered by the crate, sugar by inously on the horizon, certain members | the barrel and apollinaris by the case. Down their request was voted down, and on the was in session making this lemonade and everyday Potomac the trifling sum of \$1,000 a m



"This summer we have had to cut down ed to wear this summer a black coat that "It does not really affect me, but I cerup. When we get thirsty we drink lemontainly find it trying, especially during a lade." THE "JOY RIDE" AUTOMOBILE IN THE SENATE SUBWAY.

SENATE'S SUBWAY AUTO.

No child with a toy could be prouder than ous debate anent the admission of Arizona some of the grayheards over this method of getting back and forth from the Capitol

One hot morning recently a party of peo bem an oldish Senator in a mohair suit. may be very comfortable, but it gives

emarked to the boy in charge. had to go to his office after all and made desk.

stick to the machine. Representatives fre- the Speaker's lobby. quently walk through the subway from

Where the general resources end and the crashes, and if these bag at the knees or "ride-up" in the back, it is of no moment.

True to his partiality for destroying of all those questioned admitted that sum-

the supply," walled a prominent employe looks hot, no matter how cool it may feel, much was that these same members used his only concession to the weather. He to come over in bunches of from ten to does not modify his gestures one tota betwenty at a time and guzzle our lemonade cause the day is hot, and he seems utterly oblivious of the fact that it is summer and that much younger men are sweltering be- shut, the longer he can keep going the of his men, I suppose, than any other South. One brigade of Michigan and

Thomas J. Heflin, of Alabama, arrays But there is one thing the Senate will not himself in a white duck suit, white shoes give up, and that is its subway automobile. and a Panama hat, and seems so pleased others. with the coolness of it all that he much prefers strolling about to sitting tranquilly ments and manœuvres should have a miles in twenty-four hours.

at his desk. Nicholas Longworth alternates between cooler than the corresponding sections of one dignified member was seen to saunter about a dozen passengers at a time, and a very cool looking blue serge, tan shoes the House. The members all insist upon away cloakroom-ward and emerge later goes at a whizzing pace through the almost and an artistically conspicuous necktie and about the warmest looking tobacco brown covering any member has so far there a spot as cool on a hot day as the an urchin who has just stolen the "com- ple were conveyed across in it, among adopted. It is probably hop sacking, and When the others climbed down he held needed color to his complexion and makes folks in the gallery feel sorry for him. "I think maybe I'll go back again," he his method of keeping cool when listening they get into their heads at the camp more men will be held back by each deto debate is to keep revolving in his swivel And back he went. Then he decided he chair, first facing the gallery, then his

Edward Pou, of North Carolina, thinks He was merely getting cool.

But the pages make no excuse for their sists upon covering his head with a hand-

William C. Adamson, of Georgia, allows a few trips in this vehicle. They do not to affect his method of keeping cool. At the first hint of mildness in the spring air he donned an alpaca coat. Just now he has discarded it for full summer raiment, consisting of a nondescript pair of trousers and a coat that comes nearest to resembling blue jeans. But even the most of practice march lately, and it is a good hours.

> miss the purchase money, believes in wearing linen crash, in taking things easy during the hot weather and in eating plenty of

a furor of protest from certain cold find and goes over to take advantage of his ern man to the belief that the heat isn't Whether it be an innate sense of diplomacy or the fear that their respective dislook frigid in frock coats when their more drink Senate lemonade. It is rather a sore the temperature is no higher. The dele- tricts will not return them if they go on point on the north side of the Capitol, this gates from the semi-tropics calmiy move record as finding it difficult to endure the ing in lineus-that the staff of employes swarming of the Goths. Although the about in pure white clothes, shirts, hats peculiarly distressing humidity of Washington, the fact remains that only three

self when asked if he found Washington think it strange that often men from the far North mind this heat less than some Southern farmer or Western plainsman. To me it is quite plain, for the two latter have passed most of their existence in the open. whereas the average Northern man is office bred and used to being shut in." "I drink plenty of water and eat much ice cream." said Edwin E. Roberts, of

Nevada. "That is conductve to coolness,



And, you see, I just have to keep cool. I I admit. But somehow I forget the sus am the only Republican in the House who and the heat and everything but the game." succeeded a Democrat this session, and if my enemies knew I was easily 'het up they certainly could make it warm for me. I am convinced that flowers cool; so I had some planted in these window boxes, and when I sit here and look at them, turn on my electric fan and drink a glass of ice water I can almost imagine myself in a palm garden."

Apropos of liquid refreshment as a means of keeping cool, Henry D. Flood, of Virginia, considered one of the best dressed summer men of Congress, said that it is surprising how very little liquor is partaken of by the national legislators.

"The cld days of the mint julep and gin you mean by coming around here on such rickey in the cloakroom are gone," he announced proudly. "One never sees a member drinking anything in the Capitol these

But there was a characteristic gleam of "Isn't it there for him to drink?" the caller inquired skeptically. Whatever his feelings, he certainly Mr. Flood was pained.

achieves an external air of coolness. He "A man could keep it in his lockers or has been wearing a very light gray, roomy over here in his office. But during my five looking suit this summer, and no matter terms in Congress I have been amazed at how ardent the debate, as he stands up the small quantity of liquor used. Even on on the restrum with a smile on his face the hottest and most trying days it is and an unwilted carnation in his button- unusual to find a Congressman whose wearers of crumpled collars.

Ralph Cameron, delegate from Arizona.
has a theory that it is not the locality from which a member comes but the enough of authors of a amount of outdoor atmosphere he has ab- down to the restaurant. But the real reasorbed during his life which governs his son is that we of this generation have disability to withstand the insistent, often covered the fallacy of trying to get cool by drinking what will send the temperature

In Addition to These Calorica Reducing Articles, Mem. bers Have Own Ways of Fighting Heat.

He was reminded of his penchant toe wearing white clothes

"I lay in enough white serge and crash clothes to have always a clean change, and find them much cooler and more comfort. able than the thinnest cloth varieties. Of ccurse, I wear white shoes. These are es. sential to Washington streets if one would have foot comfort. And I try to keep my collar unwrinkled and my mind easy. I don't do any very sensational stunts in the sunshine or walk home from the office vorite method of getting uptown. And I

don't take unnecessary risks in the heat," Then with a beautiful display of what in a woman would have been termed inconsistency, but in a Congressman must pass for absent-mindedness, Mr. Flood started for the Capitol. Via the cool subway? Not a bit of it, but straight across the blazing sunlit square from the office building, through the sparsely shaded grounds and up the flight of a hundred steps leading to the floor of the House!

THOSE WHO WIELD FANS.

Over on the Senate side many of the portly, heat tormented solons wield the palm leaf fans placed at their disposal by a special fund. Senator Heyburn, who can say something on any subject no matter how hot the day, is an ardent disciple of the fan. Leaning back in his chair, he creates such a rattle of sound and furor of breeze by his manipulations of the gener. ous fan allotted him that adjoining Senators just sit and grin and enjoy the result Senator Robert Owen, of Oklahoma, "the

Indian Senator," moves about with the gliding grace of his people, calm, insergtable and superior to any such trifle as "a hundred in the shade." He wears most summery attire and always looks pictu-Atlee Pomerene, of Ohio, looks as though a drop of perspiration would not dare

brow. He has so far made no outward concessions to summer, but conlinues to wear the same snug-looking garments in which he made his Senatorial debut. Senator Bailey, of Texas, big and blut and the picture of virility, is wearing dark blue serge, with soft, white pleated shirts, a turn-down linen collar and black or white

trickle down the marble whiteness of his

bow tie. He looks really cool and says he "Never let yourself get worried or furried or hurried," he quoted. "I believe the influence of mind over matter is greater in summer than at any other time. Look a a cake of ice, and you feel comfortable; & a hot, dusty road, and you are conscious & a sense of physical discomfort. Have con surroundings and don't tell any hot weather

Calm in the distinction of having been elected to the United States Senate with out previously running for any political office, Senator Luke Lea, of Tennessee, insists that he does not find Washington any hotter than the weather "down home."

"What do you do to keep cool?"
"Go to the baseball field," he laughed. boyishly. "Visions of many thousand yelling, perspiring humans, packed sardinewise into a grandstand, isn't very cooling,

ARBITRATION.

He was a man of peace, and, of course, he had on more than one occ penalty of the peacemaker. He came upon two youths in an Irish back street fighting. Accordingly, he pushed through the crowd and persuaded the combatants to desist. "Let me beg of you, my good fellows," earnestly besought the peacemaker, "to settle your dispute by arbitration. Each of you choose half a dozen friends to achirate." "Hurrah!" yelled the crowd. "Do as the gentleman ses, bhoys." Having seen the twelve arbitrators selected to the satisfaction of both sides, the man of peace went on his way rejucing in the thought of having once again prevailed upon brust force to yield to peaceful argument. Half an hour later he returned that way, and was horrified to find the whole street sahiling, while in the distance police whistle could be heard blowing and constables seen rushing to the spot from all quarter. "Good gracious! What is the matter now asked the peacemaker. "Sure, sorr," was the reply, "they's arbitrating."—Dunder Advertiser. earnestly besought the peacemaker,

TAKING A CHANCE.

Kind Old Lady-Well, my boy, what # the matter?

Boy-Muvver sent me for tuppence worth

MEAN.

"He took a mean revenge.

"In what way?"
"When she sued him for diverce, be got the judge to give him the custody of her lap dog."—Judge.

of the Capitol, who did not care to be quoted, "because the House criticised such exinciditure. But the reason why it cost so Ighted the soul of Micawber. And this is made by American soldiers in this man- | Sherman, the "great flanker," gave his

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nauseating, heat of Washington.

STATESMEN.

"Is it a joke?" he asked in turn. "Of

course, I find it hot. Besides, what do

a scorching day as this and asking me to

talk about the heat? Don't you realize

that makes me twice as uncomfortable?"

humor in his eyes that belied irritation.

better; but a grumbler is better off in commander. His force marched so far Wisconsin troops is said to have marched the ambulance, where he can't affect the and so rapidly that it was called the thirty-three miles, from his rear to \$

"I think the militia in their encampmaximum of instruction with a minithey will keep for next year.

"For regular troops the case is some-"You will often hear these practice

'foot cavalry.' He made marches with position at the extreme right, as he was large columns of thirty-five and forty approaching Atlanta, in a day and

"Remember that the smaller a body mum of fatigue. It is useless to try to of troops is the further it can march in plains brought out some long and different harden them as if the force were going a given time. A regiment can usually cult marches by American troofs into a long campaign. They ought to cover twenty miles in a day, when a bri- though the histories make little account get work enough to send them home gade can go only fifteen over the same healthier and hardler than when they ground. The more men, the more guns, was the march of a regiment from Fort came, but little more. The muscular the more wagons there are in a column. Bridger to Fort Leavenworth during the strength they gain is likely to be used the more chances there are for delay at up by sedentary life at home, but what a given point in the column, and the ceded the War of the Rebellion. The lay."

The marches of Stonewall Jackson are halted on Sundays, and on one of two what different. Even the King of noteworthy because of the great size of France kind of hike—marching up a hill the force which he moved so rapidly. seven days of actual marching, or at the and then marching down again—is bene- In his withdrawal from the Valley of But the pages make no excuse for their sists upon covering his nother around his ficial in many ways, though it is likely Virginia at the end of May, 1862, one "joy rides." As long as they can wheedle kerchler and tucking another the chauffeur into carrying them they collar when he snoozes between whiles in to make the men discontented. But the brigade of his command covered 36 miles longer march, where a body of men between midnight and midnight of a covers, say, 200 miles or more in several single day. In August of the same year, their offices to that of the Senate and have no foolish decisions of tailers' conventions days, advancing as it would in actual he took fourteen brigades, or 22,000 service, reconnoitring and returning by men, from the Rappahannock to Mana different route, is a much more satisfactory affair for every one concerned, said that later in the war he sent a a remarkable feat. Two companies of and usually brings out the best kind of heavy column from Harper's Ferry to spirit. We have had more of that sort of practice march lately, and it is a good bours.

Julius Kahn, of San Francisco, who could marches, especially of the militia in manbuy a lot of Representatives out and not couver, spoken of as forced marches. with orders to shoot all stragglers. There There are some men, even in the army, is no story of a man having ever been who don't use the word correctly. A shot in this way, but that he did place forced march does not mean at all a the guard with authority to kill the lagmarch at an increased gait. On the gards has not been contradicted. What other hand, the rate an hour is almost really happened, it is said, was that the always slower. It is simply that the guard drove a band of footsore stragtroops keep on marching after they have glers before them like sheep and allowed ord. Yet Sherman and Jackson used to accomplished what would ordinarily be no one to fall behind who had not acta day's march, and cover a greater distance during the twenty-four hours, bave been his method, in his later cam-Some remarkable records have been paigns Jackson had few stragglers.

men some desperately hard marching " 'Stonewall' Jackson got more miles out during his great progress across the

> The Indian wars on the Western of them. Perhaps the most remarkable "Mormon war," which immediately predistance was 1.019 miles, and it was covered in fifty-six days. The column other days, so that there were forty-

rate of twenty-two miles. In connection with these performances of large bodies of troops in actual set vice it is interesting to note a march which was made during one of the which was regarded by army officers as the 12th Infantry, returning from a loss ordered to let themselves out and "se what they could do." The roads were There is a tradition that Jackson used bard, the weather was cool and the read to set a guard at the rear of the lay downhill for the whole distance. The men covered thirty-four and a half miles in eighteen hours. None of them drepped out of line, though all were fatigued st

> This performance of a small command heats, by giving the men the sound of guns in front to cheer them on.